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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM JEREMIE NGENDAKUMANA, PRESIDENT OF THE BURUNDIAN POLITICAL PARTY CONSEIL NATIONAL POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA DEMOCRATIE-FORCES POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA DEMOCRATIE (CNDD-FDD)

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11. Embassy Bujumbura received a congratulatory letter for President-Elect Barak Obama dated November 7, 2008, from Mr. Jremie Ngendakumana, Chairman of the ruling political party Conseil National pour la Dfense de la Dmocratie-Forces pour la Dfense de la Dmocratie (CNDD-FDD). The original letter is being forwarded to the Department for transmission to the President-elect's transition team.

12. BEGIN TEXT:

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Bujumbura, November 7th, 2008

To H.E. Barak OBAMA,

The President of the United States of America

Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the history-making achievement in securing the Democratic Presidential nomination on November 4th, 2008 in your country, the ruling Party CNDD-FDD in Burundi has a great pleasure to congratulate your Excellency.

Your election is a great change and a new dawn not only for Americans, but also for the whole World which has a lot of expectations as far as unification and sustainable peace and development.

We have no doubt in your ability to address important issues such as the fight against poverty, the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the fight against terrorism, etc.

We wish to your Excellency a great success in your new responsibilities and looking forward to see the good relations that exist for a long time between people of the United States of America and Burundi strengthened.

We also believe you will put Africa high on your agenda.

May God Bless you. May God Bless America.

Sincerely,

Jrmie NGENDAKUMANA

Chairman of CNDD-FDD

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